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# Annual Reports

## of the Town Officers

*of*

## Francestown, N. H.

*For the year*
*ending January 31*

1927

TRANSCRIPT PRINTING COMPANY - PETERBOROUGH, N. H.

# FINANCIAL AND SCHOOL REPORTS

*OF THE TOWN OF*

# Francestown, N. H.

*TOGETHER WITH THE*

# VITAL STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

JANUARY 31

1927

Transcript Printing Company - Peterborough, New Hampshire

# Town Officers

Moderator, Edson H. Patch.

Town Clerk, Chas. S. Vose.

Selectmen, Leon E. Hoyt, Willard H. Hopkins, Clarence E. Jones.

Treasurer, Carroll F. Clark.

Board of Education, Carroll F. Clark, Leon E. Hoyt, Elsie B. Pettee.

Auditors, Frank W. Jones, Fred A. Pettee.

Tax Collector, Lillian G. Bixby.

Highway Agent, Carl D. Abbott.

Supervisors, Rodney G. Mills, George F. Lowe, George R. Smith.

Overseer of Poor, James T. Woodbury.

Trustees of Trust Funds, Henry T. Miller, Edson H. Patch, Fred A. Pettee.

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing year, January 31, 1927, to January 31, 1928, compared with actual revenue and expenditures of the Previous year, January 31, 1926, to January 31, 1927.

| Sources of Revenue | Actual Revenue Previous Year 1926 | Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1927 | Increase | Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| From State: | | | | |
| Insurance Tax | $18 00 | $18 00 | | |
| Railroad Tax | 26 83 | 26 83 | | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 1009 97 | 1009 97 | | |
| For fighting forest fires | 116 19 | 50 00 | | $66 19 |
| For Highways: | | | | |
| For class 5 highways | 1575 09 | 1575 09 | | |
| (a) For State Aid Maintenance | 145 32 | 300 00 | 154 68 | |
| Interest and dividend tax | 1 40 | 1 40 | | |
| Bounties | | 26 60 | 26 60 | |
| From Local Sources Except Taxes: | | | | |
| Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings | 72 00 | 140 00 | 68 00 | |
| Interest Received on taxes and deposits | 13 91 | 13 91 | | |
| Dog Licenses | 100 20 | 100 00 | | 20 |
| Auto Permits | 295 14 | 250 00 | | 45 14 |
| Trust Funds | 100 00 | | | 100 00 |
| Town Histories | 35 00 | 35 00 | | |
| From Poll Taxes: | 366 00 | 366 00 | | |
| (a) National Bank Stock | 2 00 | 2 00 | | |

| Sources of Revenue | Actual Revenue Previous Year 1926 | Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1927 | Increase | Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| From State: (a) For State Aid Highway Construction | 633 27 | 633 27 | | |
| State Aid Bridges | 2085 12 | | | 2085 12 |
| Temporary loan | 1000 00 | 1000 00 | | |
| Issue Notes | | 2000 00 | 2000 00 | |
| Total revenues from all sources except Property taxes | 7595 44 | 7548 07 | | 47 37 |
| Amount raised by property Taxes | 12347 85 | 8697 39 | | 3650 46 |
| Total revenues | $19943 29 | $16245 46 | | $3697 83 |

| Purpose of Expenditures | Actual Revenue Previous Year 1925 | Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1927 | Increase | Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Town Officers' Salaries | $547 00 | $537 00 | | $10 00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 160 73 | 160 73 | | |
| Election and Registration expenses | 89 00 | 24 00 | | 65 00 |
| Care and supplies for Town Hall | 67 12 | 67 12 | | |
| Police Dept. | 17 83 | 17 83 | | |
| Fire Dept. | 465 42 | 135 00 | | 330 42 |
| Bounties | 9 20 | 9 20 | | |
| Health Dept. | 14 95 | 14 95 | | |
| Vital Statistics | 4 90 | 4 90 | | |
| State Aid Maintenance: | | | | |
| State's Contribution | 145 32 | 266 66 | 121 34 | |
| Town's Contribution | 66 66 | 133 34 | 66 68 | |
| Breaking Roads | 898 72 | 500 00 | | 398 72 |
| Town Maintenance | 4127 57 | 4100 00 | | 27 57 |
| Street Lighting | 219 38 | 219 38 | | |
| General Expense of Highway Department | 1128 33 | 500 00 | | 628 33 |
| Education: | | | | |
| Libraries | 100 00 | 100 00 | | |
| Charities: | | | | |
| Town Poor | 8 50 | | | 8 50 |
| Patriotic Purposes: | | | | |
| Memorial Day and other Celebrations | 25 00 | 25 00 | | |
| Public Service Enterprises: | | | | |
| Cemeteries | 167 50 | 67 50 | | 100 00 |

| Purpose of Expenditures | Actual Revenue Previous Year 1926 | Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1927 | Increase | Decrease |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Interest On Temporary Loans | 33 69 | 100 00 | 66 31 | |
| Highways and Bridges | | | | |
| State's Contribution | 2718 39 | 633 27 | | 2085 12 |
| Town's Contribution | 3555 90 | 633 77 | | 2922 13 |
| Taxes bought by town | 256 48 | | | 256 48 |
| Expense of tax sales | 7 50 | | | 7 50 |
| Town Clock | 13 00 | 13 00 | | |
| Auto Permits | 23 00 | 23 00 | | |
| (b) Long Term Notes | | 1000 00 | 1000 00 | |
| State Taxes | 1290 00 | 1290 00 | | |
| County Taxes | 969 56 | 969 56 | | |
| Payments to School Districts | 4700 25 | 4700 25 | | |
| Total expenditures | $21830 90 | $16245 46 | | $5585 44 |

## INVENTORY

| | No. | Value |
|---|---|---|
| Land and Buildings | | $386,555 00 |
| Horses | 121 | 12,245 00 |
| Cows | 245 | 13,310 00 |
| Other Neat Stock | 38 | 1,440 00 |
| Sheep | 49 | 344 00 |
| Fowls | 3,872 | 4,840 00 |
| Vehicles | 1 | 200 00 |
| Portable Mills | 7 | 2,150 00 |
| Wood, lumber, etc. | | 350 00 |
| Gasoline pumps and tanks | | 300 00 |
| Stock in Trade | | 11,510 00 |
| Aqueducts | | 2,600 00 |
| Mills and machinery | | 3,450 00 |
| Polls Number, 197 at $2, | | |
| | | $439,294 00 |
| Soldiers' exemptions | | 7,470 00 |
| | | $446,764 00 |

## Statement of Tax Collector

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Committed by Selectmen | | $12,255 10 |
| Cash paid to town treasurer | $12,172 45 | |
| Uncollected taxes | 29 00 | |
| Abatements | 53 65 | |
| | $12,255 10 | $12,255 10 |

Respectfully submitted
Lillian G. Bixby
Tax Collector

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## Abatements

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sam Andrews, over 70 | $2 00 | |
| Annie Bryant, paid in Amherst | 2 00 | |
| Edward O. Nason, over 70 | 2 00 | |
| Ernest Putnam, paid in Deering | 2 00 | |
| Leander Rand, paid in Waltham | 2 00 | |
| Abbie Rand, paid in Waltham | 2 00 | |
| Clayton Stumpf, paid in Florida | 2 00 | |
| Mary M. Stumpf, paid in Florida | 2 00 | |
| Mrs. Pratt, soldiers' widow | 20 25 | |
| Frank H. Paige, for over tax | 5 40 | |
| Margaret Hobbs, unable to collect | 2 00 | |
| Mahala Johnson, unable to collect | 2 00 | |
| William Putnam, unable to collect | 2 00 | |
| Harry Smith, unable to collect | 2 00 | |
| Esther O. Smith, unable to collect | 2 00 | |
| Lena Smart, unable to collect | 2 00 | |
| | | $53 65 |

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## List of Appropriations

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| State tax | $1,290 00 | |
| County tax | 969 56 | |
| Schools | 4,621 68 | |
| Town charges | 1,500 00 | |
| State aid | 650 00 | |
| Highways | 2,500 00 | |
| Bridges | 1,500 00 | |
| State aid maintenance | 100 00 | |
| Library | 100 00 | |
| Memorial Day | 25 00 | |
| | | $13,256 24 |

# Town Warrant

**To the Inhabitants of the Town of Francestown in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs**

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Francestown on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to accept state aid and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for same.

4. To see if the town will elect patrolmen for the New Boston Road, Turnpike, Bennington Road and Greenfield Town road and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the same or take any action relating thereto.

5. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways.

6. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the building now rented by the Masonic Lodge or take any action relating thereto.

8. To see if the town will vote to buy necessary equipment for removing the snow from the roads in winter and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the same, or take any action relating thereto.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Old Home week, or take any action relating thereto.

10. To see if the town will vote to widen the Scobie Pond road, so called, on the westerly side, starting at a stake and stone on the westerly side of said road at the point where the outlet of said Scobie Pond crosses said road, thence southerly to a stake and stone on the westerly side of said road, at the foot of the hill near the southeast corner of said Scobie Pond, taking the westerly face of the present wall on the easterly side of said road as the easterly boundary and widening said road in a westerly direction, so that the established width of said road between said boundaries shall be fifty five feet, or take any action relating thereto.

11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to defray current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay any part or the whole of the debt incurred by the construction of State Aid Bridges, or take any action relating thereto.

13. To see if the town will vote to install electric lights and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the same or take any action relating thereto.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this Fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.

LEON E. HOYT
WILLARD H. HOPKINS
CLARENCE C. JONES
Selectmen

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

LEON E. HOYT
WILLARD H. HOPKINS
CLARENCE C. JONES
Selectmen

## Detailed Statement of Payments

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Town Officers' Salaries: | | |
| Selectman Leon E. Hoyt | $125 00 | |
| Selectman Willard H. Hopkins | 100 00 | |
| Selectman Clarence C. Jones | 100 00 | |
| Town treasurer Carroll F. Clark | 40 00 | |
| Town Clerk, Charles S. Vose | 35 00 | |
| Tax collector, Lillian G. Bixby | 100 00 | |
| Overseer of poor, James T. Woodbury | 20 00 | |
| Auditors, Frank W. Jones and Carroll F. Clark | 12 00 | |
| Moderator, Edson H. Patch | 15 00 | |
| | | $547 00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses: | | |
| Transcript Printing Co., town reports | $94 00 | |
| Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies | 27 26 | |
| E. J. Thomas, supplies | 1 85 | |
| J. Madison Howe, printing tax bills | 3 65 | |
| F. H. Colburn and Co., office supplies | 97 | |
| Lillian G. Bixby, stamps, stationery etc. | 15 00 | |
| Clarence C. Jones, telephone | 1 00 | |
| A. W. Rowell, treasurer, assessors' dues | 2 00 | |
| Leon E. Hoyt, attending meeting of tax commissioners | 5 00 | |
| Willard H. Hopkins, attending meeting of tax commissioners | 5 00 | |
| Clarence C. Jones, attending meeting of tax commissioners | 5 00 | |
| | | $160 73 |
| Election and Registration: | | |
| George F. Lowe, supervisor | $24 00 | |
| R. G. Mills, supervisor | 24 00 | |
| George R. Smith, supervisor | 24 00 | |
| John B. Case, ballot inspector | 6 00 | |
| L. E. Dow, ballot inspector | 3 00 | |
| A. J. Miller, ballot inspector | 3 00 | |
| Charles A. Lord, ballot inspector | 5 00 | |
| | | $89 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Town Hall Account: | | |
| Mary E. Bailey, janitor | $35 00 | |
| F. H. Colburn and Co., supplies | 9 77 | |
| A. E. Holt, supplies | 35 | |
| C. C. Jones, wood | 18 00 | |
| Piper McIntyre and Co., tuning piano | 4 00 | |
| | | $67 12 |
| Police Account: | | |
| James T. Woodbury, care of tramps | $16 50 | |
| F. H. Colburn and Co., supplies | 1 33 | |
| | | $17 83 |
| Fire: | | |
| F. A. Pettee, forest fire warden bills | $229 60 | |
| F. H. Colburn and Co., fire hose and supplies | 215 12 | |
| Levi M. Bixby, watching Paige fire | 13 20 | |
| Harry J. Putnam, watching Peters' fire | 3 00 | |
| W. R. Cole, watching Peters' fire | 3 00 | |
| John B. Varick Co., fire engine supplies | 1 50 | |
| | | $465 42 |
| Bounties: | | |
| Leon E. Hoyt, hedgehogs | $9 20 | $9 20 |
| Library: | | |
| Fidelia C. Bixby, library appropriation | $100 00 | $100 00 |
| Cemeteries: | | |
| Genoa Stone, mowing cemeteries | $45 00 | |
| A. E. Holt, sexton | 22 50 | |
| | | $67 50 |
| Trustees of Trust Funds: | | |
| For Trust Funds | $100 00 | $100 00 |
| Town Clock: | | |
| Rodney G. Mills, care of town clock | $13 00 | $13 00 |

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| Memorial Day Appropriation: | | |
| Henry T. Miller | $25 00 | $25 00 |
| Interest: | | |
| Souhegan National Bank, interest on temporary loan | $29 17 | |
| Henry T. Miller, interest on tax | 98 | |
| Lillian G. Bixby, interest on taxes | 3 54 | |
| | | $33 69 |
| Health Department: | | |
| George R. Smith | $14 95 | $14 95 |
| Vital Statistics: | | |
| Recording Births and Deaths: | | |
| S. Fraser, M. D. | $2 00 | |
| Edwin D. Stevens, M. D. | 1 25 | |
| C. S. Vose, clerk | 1 65 | |
| | | $4 90 |
| Street Lighting: | | |
| Elgin J. Cilley, lighting lamps | $164 00 | |
| A. E. Holt, supplies | 50 18 | |
| F. H. Colburn and Co., supplies | 1 10 | |
| Willard H. Hopkins, two street lamps | 4 10 | |
| | | $219 38 |
| Auto Permits: | | |
| Chas. S. Vose, town clerk | $23 00 | $23 00 |
| Taxes: | | |
| Paid: | | |
| State Treasurer, state tax | $1,290 00 | |
| Treasurer of Hillsborough County county tax | 969 56 | |
| C. S. Vose, school treasurer | 4,700 25 | |
| | | $6,959 81 |
| Taxes bought by town | $256 48 | $256 48 |
| Expense of tax sale | $7 50 | $7 50 |

General Accounts:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Fellows and Son, bridge plank | $232 47 | |
| Almon Hill, bridge plank | 105 00 | |
| Storrs, Engineers, plans and survey of Duncklee bridge | 335 35 | |
| F. H. Colburn and Co., supplies | 49 21 | |
| L. M. Bixby, insurance on Library | 37 50 | |
| Clarence Jones, road machine parts and delivery—wood for office | 28 00 | |
| G. H. Holt, painting Masonic Hall | 42 75 | |
| Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, paint for Masonic Hall | 70 | |
| John E. Hopkins, staging material for Masonic Hall | 3 00 | |
| Herman Starrett, use of derrick on bridge | 5 00 | |
| Austin Western Road Machine Co., road drag | 25 50 | |
| Dyer Sales Machinery Co., road plow point | 1 30 | |
| L. E. Bailey, lighting lanterns at Lynch bridge | 5 00 | |
| C. P. Trufant, repairs of road tools | 31 05 | |
| N. E. Road Machine Co., parts for road machine | 41 87 | |
| A. E. Holt, supplies | 44 | |
| Edson C. Eastman, tax notices and dog license tags | 7 38 | |
| J. H. Chandler, freight and cartage on road drag | 5 31 | |
| Vester Kakela, cutting bushes | 66 50 | |
| A. Oliver St. John, cutting bushes | 26 25 | |
| E. A. Cilley, cutting bushes | 8 19 | |
| William Stone, cutting bushes | 19 25 | |
| L. E. Dow, cutting bushes | 8 16 | |
| Albert Jelley, cutting bushes | 1 56 | |
| James Flanders, cutting bushes | 10 92 | |
| Mason D. Andrews, cutting bushes | 8 17 | |
| G. H. Stone, cutting bushes and lighting lanterns | 22 50 | |
| | | $1,128 33 |

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|---|---|---|
| Charities—Town Poor: | | |
| Paid: | | |
| Dr. S. Fraser, attending Ed. Cilley | $3 50 | |
| F. H. Colburn and Co., supplies for Ed. Cilley | 5 00 | |
| | | $8 50 |

## STATE AID CONSTRUCTION—JOINT ACCOUNT

### State Road

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Carl D. Abbott, foreman | $132 05 | |
| Carl D. Abbott, team | 71 60 | |
| W. A. Lord, team | 143 14 | |
| J. H. Chandler, team | 132 64 | |
| A. J. Miller, team | 147 02 | |
| George Stone, labor | 75 23 | |
| Elgin Cilley, labor | 73 54 | |
| Albert Jelley, labor | 71 60 | |
| Oliver St. John, labor | 38 50 | |
| Jed Clement, labor | 35 00 | |
| Mason Bixby, labor | 14 00 | |
| Leland Vadney, labor | 71 60 | |
| J. N. Flanders, labor | 52 35 | |
| A. Oliver St. John, labor | 64 60 | |
| W. R. Cole, labor | 7 00 | |
| Vester Kakela, labor | 21 02 | |
| Ben Baldwin, labor | 6 26 | |
| C. S. Freeman, gravel | 17 10 | |
| E. O. Nason, gravel | 13 50 | |
| Frank Gerrish, gravel | 42 30 | |
| L. M. Bixby, gravel | 50 | |
| C. P. Trufant, blacksmith work | 8 00 | |
| F. H. Colburn and Co., supplies | 1 94 | |
| | | $1,240 49 |

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|---|---|---|
| Highways: | | |
| Paid: | | |
| Carl D. Abbott, highway money | $3,056 59 | |
| J. H. Chandler, repairs near A. Dodge's and Epps place | 24 50 | |
| Carl D. Abbott, repairing Lynch bridge | 105 85 | |

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|---|---|---|
| A. J. Miller, patroling Greenfield road | 245 65 | |
| W. A. Lord, patroling New Boston road | 306 42 | |
| Carl D. Abbott, patroling Bennington road | 84 50 | |
| A. J. Miller, patroling Bennington road | 7 00 | |
| Clayton Hobbs, patroling Bennington road | 94 55 | |
| J. H. Chandler, turnpike | 202 51 | |
| Total Summer Highways | | $4,127 57 |
| Winter highways (breaking roads) | | 898 72 |
| Total, Summer and winter highways | | $5,026 29 |
| State Aid Construction: | | |
| Paid: | | |
| Carl D. Abbott, foreman State road | $1,240 49 | |
| Geo. E. Marden, foreman Beaver Dam bridge | 855 29 | |
| A. J. Miller, foreman Beaver Dam bridge | 21 00 | |
| Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, cement | 246 00 | |
| Preston M. Bailey, foreman Dunck-lee bridge | 1,532 72 | |
| Kittredge Bridge Co., steel bars | 43 00 | |
| B. & M. R. R., freight and demurrage | 95 80 | |
| A. B. Paige, cartage on girders | 80 00 | |
| A. B. Paige, cartage on cement | 57 00 | |
| C. C. Jones, freight and cartage on bridge material | 17 87 | |
| Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, cement | 391 60 | |
| | | $4,580 77 |
| Breaking Roads: | | |
| Paid: | | |
| E. A. Cilley | $18 63 | |
| Carl Cilley | 13 01 | |
| Arthur J. Miller | 83 25 | |
| Harry Smith | 8 80 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Carroll Dow | 4 50 | |
| Harry E. Smith, Jr. | 5 40 | |
| F. H. Colburn & Co. | 40 06 | |
| David H. Cochran | 5 20 | |
| Clarence C. Jones | 40 96 | |
| H. E. Parker | 6 60 | |
| Wm. Power | 3 60 | |
| Clifford Pratt | 2 40 | |
| Albert Jelley | 63 61 | |
| Bert Jelley | 32 86 | |
| Carl D. Abbott | 107 01 | |
| Fred W. Paige | 8 55 | |
| Warren Murdo | 3 80 | |
| Kenneth Merrill | 6 08 | |
| Charles Merrill | 4 56 | |
| Carl Merrill | 4 56 | |
| W. N. Merrill | 3 80 | |
| Wm. R. Cole | 6 00 | |
| Leon Hopkins | 1 52 | |
| Albert P. Dodge | 55 82 | |
| Mark B. Chandler | 54 02 | |
| Leland Vadney | 2 47 | |
| Langdell Lumber Co. | 103 65 | |
| Wm. J. Turmell | 6 10 | |
| Geo. W. Merrill | 3 12 | |
| C. H. Nichols | 7 33 | |
| Donald Hoyt | 3 45 | |
| George Hoyt | 25 45 | |
| John B. Case | 16 10 | |
| Mason D. Andrews | 11 78 | |
| Geo. H. Woodward | 3 50 | |
| Fred A. Merrill | 1 56 | |
| S. W. Winslow | 15 75 | |
| J. N. Flanders | 12 00 | |
| Wm. A. Lord | 38 37 | |
| Forrest E. Nichols | 12 67 | |
| George W. Putnam | 13 65 | |
| F. F. Foote & Sons | 15 80 | |
| Stanley A. Rainey | 1 56 | |
| Frederick Rainey | 1 56 | |
| Walter Russell | 1 50 | |
| J. H. Chandler | 16 75 | |
| | | $898 72 |

## State Aid Bridges

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Beaver Dam Bridge: | | |
| Paid: | | |
| Geo. E. Marden, foreman, as per labor reports | $855 29 | |
| A. J. Miller, foreman, as per labor reports | 21 00 | |
| Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, cement | 246 00 | |
| Paid by State for material, surveying, etc. | 40 93 | |
| Cost of Bridge | | $1,163 22 |
| Paid by State | | 576 81 |
| Cost to Town | | $586 41 |
| Duncklee Bridge: | | |
| Paid: | | |
| Preston M. Bailey, foreman, as per labor reports | $1,532 72 | |
| Kittredge Bridge Co., steel bars | 43 00 | |
| B. & M. R. R., freight and demurrage | 95 80 | |
| A. B. Paige, cartage on girders | 80 00 | |
| A. B. Paige, cartage on cement | 57 00 | |
| C. C. Jones, freight and cartage on bridge materials | 17 87 | |
| Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, cement | 391 60 | |
| Paid by State for tools, materials, etc. | 1,626 04 | |
| Paid Storrs, engineers, plans and surveying, etc. | 335 35 | |
| Cost of Bridge | | $4,179 38 |
| Paid by State | | 1,508 31 |
| Cost to Town | | $2,671 07 |
| Total Payments | | $20,117 33 |

LEON E. HOYT,
WILLARD H. HOPKINS,
CLARENCE C. JONES,
Selectmen.

Paid:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| C. D. Abbott, and team | $605 68 | |
| C. F. Clark and team | 391 00 | |
| M. B. Chandler and team | 79 56 | |
| J. H. Chandler and team | 66 50 | |
| W. A. Lord and team | 48 88 | |
| Albert Jelley, labor | 183 38 | |
| Bert Jelley, labor | 172 28 | |
| George Stone, labor | 178 50 | |
| James Flanders, labor | 150 50 | |
| Wm. Putnam, labor | 136 50 | |
| A. Oliver St. John, labor | 131 25 | |
| Elgin Cilley, labor | 127 75 | |
| Leland Vadney, labor | 63 78 | |
| Wm. Abbott, labor | 58 50 | |
| Vesta Kakela, labor | 52 50 | |
| Ernest Merrill, labor | 24 50 | |
| Benj. Baldwin, labor | 17 50 | |
| George Putnam, labor | 21 00 | |
| L. E. Bailey, labor | 3 50 | |
| Fred Merrill, cutting bushes | 141 75 | |
| Frank H. Paige, cutting bushes | 4 80 | |
| J. B. Case, bridge stringers | 16 00 | |
| M. J. Dodge, bridge stringers | 12 00 | |
| North East Metal Culvert Co., culverts | 201 86 | |
| Kendall & Wilkins, dynamite, caps and fuse | 43 97 | |
| C. P. Trufant, blacksmith's bill | 23 35 | |
| J. B. Varick & Co., tools | 6 32 | |
| F. H. Colburn & Co., tools and supplies | 40 98 | |
| L. E. Hoyt, gravel | 21 70 | |
| H. O. Hanson, gravel | 4 50 | |
| Genoa Stone, gravel | 1 19 | |
| Frank H. Paige, gravel | 1 00 | |
| C. D. Abbott, gravel | 6 90 | |
| C. H. Patch, gravel | 12 10 | |
| Burt Smith, gravel | 2 20 | |
| Wm. Stone, gravel | 1 60 | |
| C. H. Belcher, gravel | 1 40 | |
| | | $3,056 59 |

Respectfully submitted,
CARL D. ABBOTT, Road Agent.

## Financial Report of the Treasurer of the Town of Francestown for the Fiscal Year Ending Jan. 31, 1927

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Receipts: | | |
| Balance in Treasury Feb. 1, 1926 | | $2,062 46 |
| Henry T. Miller, collector tax list, 1925 | $541 40 | |
| Lillian G. Bixby, collector tax list, 1926 | 12,172 45 | |
| | | $12,713 85 |
| State Treasurer: | | |
| Account forest fires | $116 19 | |
| Tax on interest and dividends | 1 40 | |
| Account Highway Department | 2,725 23 | |
| Insurance Tax | 18 00 | |
| Railroad Tax | 26 83 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 1,009 97 | |
| | | $3,897 62 |
| Souhegan National Bank: | | |
| Temporary loan | $1,000 00 | |
| Stock tax | 2 00 | |
| | | $1,002 00 |
| C. S. Vose, Clerk: | | |
| Auto tax | $295 14 | |
| Dog licenses 1926 | 100 20 | |
| | | 395 34 |
| Sale of Town Histories | $35 00 | |
| Mrs. C. F. Bailey, rent of Town Hall | 14 00 | |
| Rent of Masonic Hall | 40 00 | |
| Rent of Library room | 18 00 | |
| Interest on taxes | 13 91 | |
| Leon Junkins, Clara Dean trust fund | 100 00 | |
| | | $220 91 |
| Total Receipts | | $20,292 18 |
| Payments by order of Selectmen | | 20,117 33 |
| Balance in Treasury Jan. 31, 1927 | | $174 85 |

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. CLARK,

Treasurer.

## REPORT OF THE
## GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY LIBRARY TRUSTEES

### Mary Manning Fund

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance in Amoskeag Savings Bank Feb. 15, 1926 | $1,440 30 | |
| Interest for year ending July 1, 1926 | 66 53 | |
| | | $1,506 83 |
| Interest withdrawn | | 50 00 |
| Balance in Amoskeag Savings Bank Feb. 1, 1927 | | $1,456 83 |

### Receipts

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Apr. 12 | Received from G. Trufant | $146 14 | |
| Aug. 9 | Received from F. E. Bixby and Bessie Wiley | 10 00 | |
| Aug. 19 | Received from Mrs. F. A. Prescott for Mrs. Humphrey's party (1923) | 4 00 | |
| Oct. 18 | Received from Mrs. E. H. Place and Mrs. R. S. Williams, bridge parties | 20 00 | |
| Oct. 18 | Received from Mrs. C. F. Clark and Miss Minnie Tobie, proceeds from Bridge | 14 50 | |
| Oct. | Received proceeds from Bridge party given by Mrs. T. E. Bixby and Mrs. R. S. Williams | 10 00 | |
| Nov. 13 | Received from Town | 100 00 | |
| 1927 | | | |
| Jan. 22 | Received from Village Improvement Society | 50 00 | |
| Feb. 5 | Received interest on Mary Manning Fund, deposited in Amoskeag Savings Bank | 50 00 | |
| Feb. 7 | Fines and old magazines | 9 41 | |
| | | | $414 05 |

## Payments

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Apr. 28 | To Matilda Clements for books at wholesale rate | $79 61 | |
| May 22 | To L. M. Bixby, for magazines | 33 95 | |
| May 22 | To G. E. Trufant, as librarian Jan. 9, 16, 23 | 3 00 | |
| Jun. 28 | To N. E. Patch Librarian, Feb.-Mar. to Apr. 12 | 12 00 | |
| Aug. 19 | H. W. Eldredge (printing) | 2 25 | |
| Aug. 19 | Mrs. E. J. Cilley (cleaning library) | 4 00 | |
| Oct. 18 | Clarence Jones (3 cords wood at $9.00) | 27 00 | |
| Oct. 18 | L. M. Bixby for mop, delivered by Fuller Brush Co. | 2 75 | |
| Nov. 22 | E. O. Nason for labor and supplies for book stacks | 60 32 | |
| Dec. 3 | Francestown Electric & Water Co. | 15 00 | |
| Dec. 3 | Helen C. Nutting, 1 copy "Monadnock" | 2 06 | |
| 1927 | | | |
| Jan. 28 | Maria Richardson, librarian from April 12 to Jan. 15, inclusive, 25 wks. at $2.00 | 50 00 | |
| | 11 wks at $3.00 | 33 00 | |
| Jan. 28 | Geo. R. Smith, janitor, Feb. 1 to May 8, 1926 | 42 00 | |
| | Draining water pipes | 75 | |
| | | | $367 69 |
| | Balance on deposit in Souhegan National Bank Feb. 7, 1927 | | $46 36 |

Respectfully submitted,
FIDELIA C. BIXBY,
ROSA F. PRESCOTT,
NELL E. PATCH

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance on hand and received | $414 05 |
| Paid out | 367 69 |
| Balance | $46 36 |

The Trustees of the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library wish to thank the townspeople, summer residents and friends for their kindly co-operation and interest in the Library.

The gifts of money and books are gratefully acknowledged.

FIDELIA C. BIXBY,
ROSA F. PRESCOTT,
NELL E. PATCH.

## Purchased by Trustees

### Fiction

Anderson Sherwood, Dark Laughter.
Benefield Barry, The Chicken Wagon Family.
Bojer, Johan, The Emigrants
Boyd, James, Drums
Cather, Willa, The Professor's House.
Chalmers, Margaret Piper, Babbie.
Conrad, Joseph, Suspense.
Fletcher, J. S., False Scent.
Friel, Arthur O., King of Kearsarge.
Galsworthy, John, Caravan
Gibbs, Philip, The Unchanging Quest.
Greene, Anne Bosworth, The Lone Winter.
Greene, Anne Bosworth, Dipper Hill.
Grey, Zane, The Vanishing American.
Hill, Grace Livingston, Ariel Custer.
Hutchinson, A. S. M., One Increasing Purpose.
King, Basil, Faith and Success.
King, Basil, The High Forfeit.
King, Rufus, North Star.
Lincoln, Joseph C., Queer Judson.
Locke, William J., The Great Pandalfo.
McCutcheon, Geo. Barr, Romeo in Moon Village.
Millin, Sarah J., Mary Glenn.
Morrow, Honore Willsie, We Must March.
Norris, Kathleen, Little Ships.
Oemler, Marie Conway, Shepherds.
Ostenso, Martha, Wild Geese.
Parker, Gilbert, The Power and the Glory.
Porter, Gene Stratton, The Keeper of the Bees.
Sabatini, Rafael, The Strolling Saint.
Sedgewick, Anne Douglas, The Little French Girl.
Street, Julian, Mr. Bisbee's Princess.
Wells, H. G., Christina Alberta's Father.
Wren, Percival Christopher, Beau Geste.

### Nature

Hawksworth, Hallam, A Year in the Wonderland of Birds.

### Poetry

Deming, Bemis, Pieces for Every Day.
Crouch, Gladys Sidney, A Little Book of Old Time Verse.

### Contributed Books

#### By Mrs. Rosa F. Prescott

Waller, Mary E., Deep in the Hearts of Men.
Webster, Henry Ketchel, Joseph Greer and His Daughter.

#### Donated by Miss Ethel Glynn

Norris, Kathleen, The Heart of Rachel.
Kerr, Sophie, The Golden Block.
Babcock, Bernie, The Soul of Ann Rutledge.
Payne, Erskine, The Girl of the Blue Ridge.
Seton, E. T., The Preacher of Cedar Mountain.

#### Donated by Mrs. E. H. Place

Graeme, Bruce, Blackshirt.
Anderson, Robert Garden, The Isle of Seven Moons.
Galsworthy, John, The Silver Spoon.
Stringer, Arthur, The House of Intrigue.

#### Donated by Mr. Charles Lee

Porter, Gene Stratton, The Keeper of the Bees.
Ostenso, Martha, Wild Geese.
Grey, Zane, The U. P. Trail.
Grey, Zane, The Light of Western Stars.
Grey, Zane, Riders of the Purple Sage.
Ferber, Edna, Gigolo—Old Man Minich.
Lincoln, Joseph C., Dr Nye.
Sabatini, Rafael, Fortune's Fool.
Wright, Harold Bell, Son of His Father.

#### Donated by Mrs. Mae Woodbury

Connor, Ralph, Treading the Winepress.
Wynne, Pamela, Anne's an Idiot.

### Donated by Miss Lydia Whitehouse

Russell, Thomas H., The Life and Work of Theodore Roosevelt.
Day, Holman, The Ramrodders.

### Donated by Miss Ackley

Reading with a Purpose Series.
Carlton, W. N. C., English Literature.
Grenfel, Wilfred T., Religion in Everyday Life.
Mason, Daniel Gregory, Ears to Hear.
Meiklejohn, Alexander, Philosophy.
Kellogg, Vernon, Biology.
Paxson, Fredric L., U. S. in Recent Times.
Russell, William F., American Education.
Sharp, Dallas Lore, Great American Books.
Vernon, Ambrose W., Ten Pivotal Figures of History.
Wilkinson, Marguerite, The Poetry of Our Own Times.

### Donated by Charles S. Downes

Kipling Rudyard, From Sea to Sea and Other Sketches.
" " Plain Tales from the Hills.
" " Kim-Naulahka.
" " Songs from Books.
" " The Jungle Books.
" " The Light that Failed.
" " Captain and Courageous.
" " Puck of Pooks Hill.
" " Rewards and Fairies.
" " Wee Willie Winkie.
" " Life's Handicap.
" " Traffics and Discoveries.
" " Actions and Reactions.
" " The Day's Work.
" " Many Inventions.
" " A Diversity of Creatures.
" " Letters of Travel.
" " Departmental Ditties.
" " Five Nations and Seven Seas.

### Juvenile——Purchased

| Author | Title |
|---|---|
| Aspinwall, Alicia, | Short Stories for Short People. |
| Baker, Mary and Margaret, | The Little Girl who Curtsied. |
| Bianco, Margery Williams, | Little Wooden Doll. |

Canfield, Dorothy, Made to Order Stories.
Carrick, Valery, Picture Tales.
Chaffee, Allen, Trail and Tree Top.
Chapman, Allen, Tom Fairfield's School Days.
Charskaya, L. A., Little Princess Nina.
Cobb, Bertha B. & Ernest, Clematis.
Gondon, Elizabeth, The Tale of Johnny Mouse.
Hale, Lucretia P., The Peterkin Papers.
Haskell, Helen Eggleston, Katrinka.
Hawkes, Clarence, Shaggy Coat.
Hutchinson, Veronica S., Chimney Corner Stories.
Jackson, Helen Hunt, Nellie's Silver Mine.
Lofting, Hugh, Story of Dr. Dolittle.
Orton, Helen Fuller, The Little Lost Pigs.
Perkins, Lucy Fitch, The Dutch Twins.
Ree, Verbena, The Bird Nest Boarding House.
Row, Dorothy, The Rabbit Lantern.
White, Eliza Orne, Peggy in Her Blue Frock.

## Magazines Subscribed for in 1926-27 by Trustees

Granite Monthly
National Geographic
Youth's Companion
St. Nicholas
World's Work
Mentor
Ladies' Home Journal
Cosmopolitan
Good Housekeeping
Pictorial Review
Woman's Home Companion
Saturday Evening Post
Popular Science

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF FRANCESTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

## For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1925 and Ending June 30, 1926

### Receipts

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From State: Equalization (State Aid) | | $1,542 40 |
| From Selectmen, raised by taxation for the support of elementary schools | $3,050 00 | |
| For High School and Academy tuition | 700 00 | |
| For salaries of District Officers | 125 00 | |
| For payment of per capita tax | 124 00 | |
| For Special appropriations: | | |
| Supt. excess salary | 57 00 | |
| For Music | 50 00 | |
| For installation of water | 50 00 | |
| Total amount received from taxation | | $4,156 00 |
| From Sources Other than Taxation: | | |
| From Dog Licenses (from Selectmen) | $98 73 | |
| Rent from No. 4 school house | 20 00 | |
| | | $118 73 |
| Total Receipt from all Sources | | $5,817 13 |
| Cash on Hand at Beginning of year July 1, 1925 | | 779 12 |
| Grand Total | | $6,596 25 |

### Payments

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration: | |
| Salaries of District Officers | 94 91 |
| Superintendent's excess salary | 80 26 |
| Truant officer and school census | 10 00 |
| Expenses of administration | 12 54 |
| Instruction: | |
| Teachers' salaries | 1,830 00 |
| Text Books | 59 83 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Scholars' supplies | 95 57 | |
| Other expenses of instruction | 24 99 | |
| Operation and Maintenance of School Plant: | | |
| Janitor service | 183 00 | |
| Fuel | 90 00 | |
| Water, light, and janitor's supplies | 58 46 | |
| Minor repairs and expenses | 139 71 | |
| Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities: | | |
| Medical inspection | 25 00 | |
| Transportation of pupils | 2,379 00 | |
| High School and Academy tuition | 644 90 | |
| Elementary school tuition | 6 00 | |
| Other special activities | 88 18 | |
| Alterations of old buildings | 24 22 | |
| Tax for State Wide Supervision ($2.00 per capita) | 124 00 | |
| Total Payment for all purposes | | $5,970 57 |
| Total Cash on Hand at end of year June 30, 1926 | | 625 68 |
| Grand Total | | $6,596 25 |

## DETAILED STATEMENTS

### Salaries of District Officers

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| Elsie B. Pettee, services on school board | $40 00 | |
| Eva M. French, services on school board | 8 33 | |
| Leon E. Hoyt, services on school board | 25 00 | |
| Carroll F. Clark, services on school board | 6 25 | |
| Edwin W. Farnum, services as treasurer | 8 33 | |
| Chas. S. Vose, services as treasurer | 5 00 | |
| F. W. Jones, 1 year service as auditor | 2 00 | |
| | | $94 91 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Superintendent's excess salary | | |
| Paid: | | |
| George E. Edwards, treasurer Supervisory union | 80 26 | 80 26 |
| Truant officer and school census: | | |
| Paid: | | |
| Elsie B. Pettee | 10 00 | 10 00 |
| Expenses of administration: | | |
| Paid: | | |
| Calvin R. Wood, copy of deed | 79 | |
| Jennie H. Field | 4 03 | |
| Carroll F. Clark | 15 | |
| Elsie B. Pettee, postage and telephone | 2 20 | |
| Carroll F. Clark, transporting | 3 00 | |
| School Board to Supervisory meeting | 3 00 | |
| F. H. Colburn & Co., receipt books | 45 | |
| Elsie B. Pettee, ribbon | 1 92 | |
| | | $12 54 |

## Instruction

### Teachers' Salaries

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Catherine Moore | $915 00 | |
| Frances Houston | 915 00 | |
| | | $1,830 00 |

### Text Books

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| Edward E. Babb Co. | $16 70 | |
| Harry Houston | 2 89 | |
| Ginn & Co. | 10 10 | |
| Lyons & Canahan | 6 42 | |
| Houghton & Mifflin Co. | 5 90 | |
| J. B. Lippincott Co. | 2 29 | |
| Ryan & Buker, Inc. | 5 05 | |
| American Book Co. | 9 48 | |
| Mrs. E. W. Farnum | 1 00 | |
| | | $59 83 |

### Scholars' Supplies

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| Edward E. Babb Co. | $69 86 | |
| Milton Bradley Co. | 25 71 | |
| | | $95 57 |

### Other Expenses of Instruction

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid | | |
| World Book Co. | $7 84 | |
| Ryan & Buker, Inc. | 11 33 | |
| Lardlow Bros. | 2 10 | |
| Edward E. Babb Co. | 3 72 | |
| | | $24 99 |

## OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

### Janitor Service

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| Henry T. Miller, salary | $183 00 | $183 00 |

### Fuel

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| C. C. Jones, 10 cords wood | $75 00 | |
| B. B. Lockwood, sawing wood | 15 00 | |
| | | $90 00 |

### Janitors' Supplies

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| Edward E. Babb Co., Chemical and supplies | $22 38 | |
| Carroll F. Clark, janitor supplies | 18 69 | |
| Philip Morris Co., janitor supplies | 6 08 | |
| Milton Bradley Co., janitor supplies | 4 46 | |
| C. O. Smith, Fuller brushes | 4 25 | |
| F. H. Colburn & Co., glass and putty | 1 10 | |
| A. E. Holt, toilet paper and pails | 1 50 | |
| | | $58 46 |

### Minor Repairs and Expenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| Goodnow & Derby, window shades | $2 55 | |
| Mary E. Bailey, cleaning school houses | 6 50 | |
| Henry T Miller, cleaning closets and painting boards | 12 00 | |
| E. O. Nason, removing platform | 4 35 | |
| Wm. F. Clark, stove, pipe, hooks, etc. | 106 55 | |
| C. F. Clark, supplies | 7 17 | |
| F. H. Colburn & Co., oil | 59 | |
| | | $139 71 |

### Medical Inspection

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| E. D. Stevens, M. D., medical inspection | $25 00 | $25 00 |

### Transportation of Pupils

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| L. E. Dow | $549 00 | |
| Forrest E. Nichols | 549 00 | |
| C. C. Jones | 549 00 | |
| William Stone | 366 00 | |
| Willard H. Hopkins | 366 00 | |
| | | $2,379 00 |

### High School and Academy Tuition

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| Austin Cate Academy | $145 00 | |
| Milford School District | 159 88 | |
| New Boston School District | 340 02 | |
| | | $644 90 |

### Elementary School Tuition

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| School District of Deering | $6 00 | $6 00 |

### Other Special Activities

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| Dorris Hall, Music teacher expense | $27 48 | |
| Mrs. E. W. Farnum, transportation | 1 50 | |
| The Cobb Co., copy songs | 2 00 | |
| Catherine Moore, teaching music | 57 20 | |
| | | $88 18 |

### Alterations of Old Buildings

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid: | | |
| Carroll F. Clark, painters' supplies | $24 22 | $24 22 |
| Paid: | | |
| Henry E. Chamberlain, State treasurer, tax for State Wide Supervision ($2.00) per capita | $124 00 | $124 00 |
| Total Payments | | $5,970 57 |

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE FRANCESTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1926

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance in Treasury, July 1, 1925 | $779 12 |
| RECEIPTS | |
| Selectmen, account of schools | $3,156 00 |
| Rent of No. 4 School House | 20 00 |
| Selectmen, Dog Licenses | 98 73 |
| State Treasurer Equalization | 1,542 40 |
| | $6,596 25 |
| Payments by order of School Board | $5,970 57 |
| Balance in Treasury July 1, 1926 | $625 68 |

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. VOSE,
Treasurer

This certifies that I have examined all the accounts of the Francestown School District and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK W. JONES,
Auditor

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This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Road Agent, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds and Trustees of Public Library and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK W. JONES,
FRED A. PETTEE,
Auditors.

## SCHOOL BUDGET

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries of Teachers | $1,950 00 | |
| Books | 65 00 | |
| Supplies | 90 00 | |
| Flags, etc. | 10 00 | |
| Other Expenses of Administration | 25 00 | |
| Janitors' salaries | 180 00 | |
| Fuel | 90 00 | |
| Water, light, janitor's supplies | 35 00 | |
| Minor repairs & expenses | 50 00 | |
| Health supervision | 25 00 | |
| Transportation | 2,400 00 | |
| Payment of 2 day teachers | 750 00 | |
| Special Activities | 30 00 | |
| | | $5,700 00 |
| Required for School Maintenance | | $5,700 00 |
| Statutory Obligations | | |
| Salaries of District Officers, Determined by District | | 125 00 |
| Supt. excess Salary, Determined by Union | | 95 00 |
| Truant Officer & Census | | 10 00 |
| Per Capita Tax | | 120 00 |
| Other necessary exp. of administration | | 10 00 |
| Total | | $6,060 00 |
| Revenue: | | |
| Cash on Hand, June 30, 1927 (Estimate) | | $350 00 |
| Dog licenses (Estimate) | | 90 00 |
| State Aid | | 660 27 |
| | | $1,100 27 |
| Balance Required to be raised to meet School Board Budget | | $4,859 73 |
| | | $6,060 00 |

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Francestown School Board:

The wise policy of the School Board in changing from the contracting with teachers for a 36 week school year to a 180 day basis saves the Town approximately $14.50 per day on whatever number of days less than 180 the old method allowed to escape because of holidays, and other days of school closing. Far more important than the loss of the $14.50 per day to the town was the loss of days of education to the children. Francestown is now maintaining a school system that for efficiency will place it in the top group of towns in the state. The children will receive not less than 180 days of school and the town will receive full value for its money.

The many kind comments made concerning the schools leads the superintendent to believe that the splendid and faithful work of Miss McGregor and Miss Hurlbut is appreciated in the town. These young teachers have brought to the school an earnestness of purpose and a willingness to work that is inspiring to the children. Attendance has greatly improved. The morale of the school is immeasurably better.

The continual pressure of drill in music is slowly developing a markedly improved ability to sing correctly. Both teachers are qualified to care for rote singing, and two and even three part work can now be carried on. It is unfortunate that a good piano is not available for the work in the upper grades. The superintendent recommends that a progressive system of music be built up as soon as the lessened demands for textbooks and collateral reading make it financially wise.

Plays and organized games have been attempted this year with a small amount of equipment. The superintendent suggests that a "Bee" could be enjoyed by the men of the town if they desire to prepare a suitable place near the school where sandpits, places for tossing of rubber quoits, horizontal ladders and chinning bars, broad and high jumping spots, were available. Even a simple tennis court could be prepared with little cost. Play is the business of childhood. It develops quickness of thought, attention to the matter at hand, and habits of fairness, and increasing health.

The achievement standards of the children are steadily improving. Reading is becoming definitely pleasurable, and the demand for new books, because of the greater amount covered, will be apparent before the closing of the present year.

The spirit of any school board is the foundation on which the schools move upward. The sympathetic appreciation of the problems of teachers and children, the willingness at all times to advance the educational welfare of the town, displayed at all times by the loyal School Board of Francestown cannot fail to be rewarded in betterment of educational accomplishment. The superintendent cannot fail to express, in behalf of the children of the town, a sincere acknowledgment of this progressive attitude shown by the Board.

Francestown is not large, nor financially rich. It contains, however, just as valuable boys and girls as the richest or largest city. They deserve nothing less than the best in education. We earnestly hope that the salary schedules can be maintained so that when adequate and meritorious teaching service is discovered it can be retained. A fine teacher is as valuable to Francestown as to any neighboring town which is bidding for her services because of recognition of her worth.

For the always present friendship and thoughtful consideration shown, the superintendent expresses appreciation in full measure.

(Signed) LAWTON CHASE.

## Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Francestown, January 31, 1927

| Date of Creation | Trust Funds Purpose of Creation Name of Fund and Donor | How Funds are Invested As Required by Chapter 162, Laws of 1915 | Amount of Principal | Rate of Interest | Balance of Income on hand at Beginning of Year | Income During Year | Expended During Year | Balance of Income on hand at End of Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1852 | Levi Woodbury, Educational Fund | Amoskeag Savings Bank | $1000 00 | 4½ | | $46 07 | $41 95 | $4 12 |
| 1896 | Jennie M. Bradford Cemetery Fund | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 351 70 | 4½ | 173 46 | 23 75 | 8 00 | 189 19 |
| 1909 | Ebenezer Pettee Cemetery Fund | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100 00 | 4½ | 49 96 | 6 75 | 3 00 | 53 71 |
| 1913 | Richard Stanley Cemetery Fund | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100 00 | 4½ | 26 45 | 5 70 | 3 00 | 29 15 |
| 1915 | William Boyd Cemetery Fund | Manchester Savings Bank | 150 00 | 4½ | 53 80 | 9 21 | 4 00 | 59 01 |
| 1915 | Issacher Dodge Cemetery Fund | Manchester Savings Bank | 50 00 | 4½ | 4 53 | 2 49 | 3 00 | 4 02 |
| 1916 | Ephraim & Chas. Morgan Cemetery Fund | Manchester Savings Bank | 100 00 | 4½ | 18 44 | 5 34 | 1 00 | 22 78 |
| 1916 | Mary A. Bixby Cemetery Fund | Manchester Savings Bank | 100 00 | 4½ | 19 52 | 5 40 | 3 00 | 21 92 |
| 1916 | Mary C. Abbott Cemetery Fund | Manchester Savings Bank | 75 00 | 4½ | 9 70 | 3 82 | 3 00 | 10 52 |
| 1917 | Nancy M. Danforth Cemetery Fund | Manchester Savings Bank | 100 00 | 4½ | 19 13 | 5 39 | 3 00 | 21 52 |
| 1917 | Maria H. Balch Cemetery Fund | Manchester Savings Bank | 200 00 | 4½ | 42 95 | 10 93 | 3 00 | 50 88 |
| 1918 | Almeda L. Felch Cemetery Fund | Manchester Savings Bank | 100 00 | 4½ | 14 73 | 5 19 | 3 00 | 16 92 |
| 1918 | Daniel Ordway Cemetery Fund | Manchester Savings Bank | 50 00 | 4½ | 5 84 | 2 52 | 2 50 | 5 86 |
| 1919 | Jessie F. Osborne Cemetery Fund | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100 00 | 4½ | 12 26 | 5 12 | 3 00 | 14 38 |
| 1920 | Henry H. Lynch Cemetery Fund | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100 00 | 4½ | 12 31 | 5 07 | 3 00 | 14 38 |
| 1922 | Mary D. Roper Cemetery Fund | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 300 00 | 4½ | 24 81 | 14 68 | 6 00 | 33 49 |
| 1922 | L. Ann Weston Cemetery Fund | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 50 00 | 4½ | 6 03 | 2 55 | 2 00 | 6 58 |
| 1922 | Eva M. Farmer Cemetery Fund | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 100 00 | 4½ | 5 33 | 4 76 | 3 00 | 7 09 |
| 1923 | Daniel W. Duncklee Cemetery Fund | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 75 00 | 4½ | 5 87 | 3 64 | 2 50 | 7 01 |
| 1924 | Susan M. Downes Cemetery Fund (unknown dead) | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 50 00 | 4½ | 3 00 | 2 38 | 1 00 | 4 38 |
| 1925 | Moses Jellison Cemetery Fund | Manchester Savings Bank | 100 00 | 4½ | | 2 99 | | 2 99 |
| 1925 | Mark Dean Cemetery Fund | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 50 00 | 4½ | | 2 62 | | 2 62 |
| 1925 | Reuben Sawyer & Garvin S. Sleeper Cemetery Fund | Manchester Savings Bank | 100 00 | 4½ | | 4 87 | 2 00 | 2 87 |

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

HENRY T. MILLER,
EDSON H. PATCH,
FRED A. PETTEE,
Trustees.

Feb. 17th, 1927

# VITAL STATISTICS

## Births Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1926

| Date 1926 | Name of Child and Place of Birth | Sex | Living or s. b. | No. of child | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother | Residence of Parents | Occupation of Father | Birthplace of Father | Birthplace of Mother |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 30 | Edwin Paul | M | L | 4 | Clayton G. Hobbs | Margaret M. Florel | Francestown | Farmer | Norway, Maine | Vankleek, Ont. |
| Feb. 19 | Russell Charles | M | L | 1 | Russell C. Riddle | Merle E. Trufant | Milford, N. H. | Electrician | Milford, N. H. | Bath, Maine |
| Mar. 14 | Anna Elizabeth | F | L | 3 | Herman S. Kakela | Fannie Maksa | Francestown | Laborer | Finland | Sandcoulee, Mont. |
| Oct. 12 | Clyde Charles | M | L | 2 | Robert J. Robertson | Madolyn Foote | Hillsborough | Weaver | Revere, Mass. | Francestown |
| Oct. 24 | Edward Raymond | M | L | 1 | Addison D. Southwick | Dora A. Piper | Antrim | Laborer | Orange, Mass. | Roxbury, N. H. |

## Marriages Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1926

| 1926 Place & Date | Name and Surname of Groom and Bride | Residence of each at time of Marriage | Age | Occupation | Place of Birth of Each | Names of Parents | Birthplace of Parents | Name and Residence of Person by whom Married |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| July 17 | Burt W. Smith, Jr. | Francestown | 21 | Chauffeur | Francestown | Burt W. Smith<br>Florence J. Wilson | Campton, N. H.<br>Wilton, N. H. | H. P. Peck<br>Milford, N. H.<br>Clergyman |
| Mont Vernon | Frances E. Houston | Boscawen | 20 | Teacher | Boscawen | John O. Houston<br>Bertha Gale | Bedford, N. H.<br>Canterbury | |

## Deaths Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1926

| Date 1926 | | Name | Years | Months | Days | Place of Birth | Sex | Condition | Occupation | Place of Birth | | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | Father | Mother | | |
| Jan. | 6 | Jennie M. Wilson | 62 | 8 | 8 | Francestown | F | W | Housewife | Deering | Francestown | George Sweetser | Elvira Whitfield |
| Feb. | 4 | Alvin U. Avery | 79 | 6 | 8 | Mason | M | W | Farmer | Ellsworth | Francestown | Soloman D. Avery | Lavina Morse |
| Apr. | 15 | Almira A. Lake | 74 | 11 | 24 | Francestown | F | M | Housewife | Wilton, Maine | Wilton, N. H. | George E. Whitfield | Alvira Hutchinson |
| July | 6 | Daniel A. Colby | 82 | 11 | 28 | Francestown | M | W | Farmer | Weare | Shirley, Mass. | Marden Colby | Mary Nutting |
| Nov. | 29 | Horace W. Hood | 68 | 11 | 16 | Hollis | M | W | Machinist | Wilton | Hollis | Robert Hood | M. Blood |

### Bodies Brought to This Town for Burial

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. | 19 | Dora Whitfield<br>Died in Pawtucket, R.I | 58 | | | | F | M | Housewife | | | | |
| Mar. | 21 | Clara J. Dean<br>Died in Milford | 85 | 8 | 5 | Francestown | F | W | | Bennington | Antrim | David W. Bell | Mary McCoy |
| Mar. | 21 | Adam R. Snell<br>Died in Manchester | 70 | 6 | 5 | Vermont | M | M | Engineer | | | Adam R. Snell | |
| July | 7 | Harvey A. Hopkins<br>Died in Medford, Mass. | 80 | 3 | 26 | Francestown | M | W | Carpenter | Francestown | | William Hopkins, Jr. | Lois Carson |
| Oct. | 18 | Baby Miller<br>Died in Peterborough | 0 | 0 | 0 | Peterborough | F | S | | Manchester | Medford, Mass. | Clarence E. Miller | Phylis Duncklee |

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